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Rev. Amos A. Phelps,

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labors. It should probably appoint one professor to the chair of Didac. Theol. & another to Rhetoric. labors. Prof. Grant and we think give you instruction in sacred literature. — The new professors would enter on their work, as connected with us, by exerting themselves to give us a stronger hold on the public heart & purse. The present year they would probably devote to such labors, taking on next class as their first in struction. I write this letter to inquire, as I do with earnestness, whether you can & will assist us, & promoting, in this great design. You are our man, if I can obtain you aid. You know, dear Phillips, that I am poorly qualified to push on wine I can tell a plain story; but "the glory" I cannot furnish. I know & love you. You know something of us. The design we have in mind & heart is a great one, I am sure; & I hope, quite practicable. Could you do better than to enlist in it? Labor & self-denial you would have; & I hope, the smiles of the Savior's face & the sympathy of his people & the blessing of the ready-to-perish. Pray let us hear from you with as little delay as possible; & name good names to us, as suiting another professor. Love to all the dear brethren. May the Savior guide & bless you! My heart bows to the dear young ones in your bosom.

Yours as ever, W. B. Lucas.

confidence & hope, continually increasing.

4. The present state of things in the Pres. Ch., we think, greatly favors any well directed efforts, which the friends of Freedom may be able to put forth, to give the Gospel principle fuller application & freer play in our churches. Congregationalism must, we think, be expanded with favor to a great extent, at no distant day in the state of N. York. Is not this the very time to make efforts in the direction of a right public sentiment, which is rapidly forming?

5. The exertions as a whole in promoting the Conservative principles & arrangements of the Plan of Instrument are greatly needed; as much so as ever, perhaps. The addition of a Theo. depart. will, with the blessing of God greatly increase & extend our influence. Our friends need assistance under the pressure of poverty; & the contemplated arrangements will, if carried into effect, be likely to open before us openings of assistance, which are now sealed. A saving of time & strength may be effected too, taking the whole course of the student into the account, by bringing all our exertions into stricter unity. The Lite. depart. could be made to play into the hands of the Theo.; & the Theo. to help the Lite. We wish too to see Ch. preaching; upon whom the flame of the G. Sp. should be poured, push & embraken, as they enter on their public

Whitinsville, Jan. 17. 1839.

Beriah Green.

My very dear Brother; "Six weeks" with a wimp! What is the
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length of a week in the Bay-State? Our patience is too much
exhausted to allow us to put
Not a word from your pen in
up with such inquiries any longer.
Explanation! We have seen
a notice in the papers, that you
had been called to a pulpit
in Boston; but no intimation, that you had listened to it.
Your resignation of your place in the A.S. corps was notwi-
thstanding of that to me; as I was aware, that you formed
the purpose long ago. Our trustees had a meeting yesterday.
The resolution to enter upon arrangements for opening
a Theo. depart. in the Br. Inst. was unanimously adopted.
I am the chairman of a Committee for carrying
under God the resolution into effect. We are desirous
of finding & inviting as soon as may be two addi-
tional Professors, who may enter heart & soul
into the design. Let me say a few things on the
subject, which may be interesting to you.

1. We regard the Institute property, after a pretty care-
ful & thro' examination, as worth about $25.000.
This is exclusive of any demands upon us.

2. We are more & more thoroughly persuaded of the
practicability & various utility of our manual-labor
arrangements. This department has more than sus-
tained itself under God the last year.

3. The characteristics of the O. Br., as such, we are
now & ever pleased with. We regard them with

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